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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 23, 1973
Bangor, Maine

ad hoc committee - Trustee Responsibility &
Accountability

PRESENT: Chairman J. Sampson, J. C. Donovan, S. J. Evans, K. H. Ramage; L. M. Cutler, S. T. Hughes, S. R. Kominsky. Staff: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, S. V. Holm and P. C. Dunham

The Chairman opened the meeting. Chancellor McNeil requested that the Committee consider bi-monthly rather than monthly Board meetings. The Committee asked that written justification for the change be presented at the next meeting.

Academic Affairs. One change was made by the Committee in the paper on Academic Affairs which was tentatively approved.

Personnel Paper. The Committee reconsidered the personnel paper and made several recommendations. The revised paper will be considered at the November committee meeting and presented for Board action.

Meetings with the Presidents. The possibility of having an informal meeting with the Presidents, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors instead of a December Board meeting was discussed.

More Effective Board Meetings. The following statement on Executive Sessions was presented by Chairman Sampson for consideration by the committee:

The Board shall meet in Executive Session only when extremely sensitive matters, such as those concerning personnel problems, salaries and land purchase must be discussed.

A majority vote of the Board taken in Public Session is needed to convene an Executive Session. Before such a vote is taken, the Chancellor and/or Trustees must cite in general terms the specific matters to be discussed in such a session so that all Board members may judge if an Executive Session is warranted.

Amending an Executive Session agenda which might be agreed upon in Public Meeting to include matters not publicly voted was a question raised by Mr. Ramage. Mr. Ramage also questioned whether a request from outside the Board or Administration for confidentiality would be honored. He asked the committee to consider application of the Right to Know Law in case a request for privacy is made.

Proportional representation of Student and Faculty on Board Committees. The committee agreed that since students have not expressed dissatisfaction with representation on Board committees solely from UMO/B, the committee would make no recommendation for change.

New Papers. The paper on external affairs received initial consideration by the committee and some changes were suggested. Mr. Dunham reported on progress in the preparation of several other papers requested by the committee.

Adjournment.

From a tape recording of the
session

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees